

April 2, 2012

Via Electronic Filing

Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk and Administrator The Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. General Customer Services Tariff

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please find the enclosed revisions to the Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. General Customer Services Tariff.

This filing is being made in accordance with the Interim Order (2012-234) issued by The Public Service Commission of South Carolina pursuant to the FCC Lifeline Reform Order of February 6, 2012.

If you have questions regarding this filing, please contact me directly at (843) 686-1256.

Sincerely,

Cissy Zareva

Regulatory Assistant

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### GENERAL CUSTOMER SERVICES TARIFF

BLUFFTON TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

**SECTION 3** 

BLUFFTON, S.C.

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#### S3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

## S3.10 Lifeline Program

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# S3.10.1 General

- A. The Lifeline program is designed to increase the availability of telecommunications services to low income subscribers by providing a credit to monthly recurring local service for qualifying residential subscribers.
- B. Lifeline is provided under the federal universal service support mechanism as a federal benefit.
- C. Lifeline is mandated by the Federal Communications Commission.

# S3.10.2 <u>Regulations and Rates</u>

Regulations and Rates shall be concurrent with those mandated by the FCC and The Public Service Commission of South Carolina.

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## S3.10.3 Eligibility and Certification

Eligibility and Certification shall be concurrent with the requirements of the FCC and The Public Service Commission of South Carolina.